

LABOR SERVICES DIVISION[875]

Adopted and Filed

Rule making related to general industry safety and health rules

The Labor Commissioner hereby amends Chapter 10, “General Industry Safety and Health Rules,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rule Making

This rule making is adopted under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 88.5.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rule making implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code chapter 88.

Purpose and Summary

This amendment adopts by reference changes to the federal occupational safety and health standards for general industry. The federal changes correct errors in the standards for ladders, stairways, scaffolds and rope descent systems, and fall protection. The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration was able to adopt these changes using expedited procedures for typographical and clerical errors.

The changes also modify the respiratory protection standard by adopting two additional quantitative fit testing protocols. The additional protocols will reduce compliance burdens and increase flexibility without endangering employee health. While the new protocols are set forth in the general industry standards, they also apply to the construction industry.

Public Comment and Changes to Rule Making

Notice of Intended Action for this rule making was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on January 29, 2020, as **ARC 4882C**. No public comments were received. No changes from the Notice have been made.

Adoption of Rule Making

This rule making was adopted by the Commissioner on March 4, 2020.

Fiscal Impact

This rule making has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rule making would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Commissioner for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 875—Chapter 5.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rule making by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rule making at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee’s

meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

Effective Date

This rule making will become effective on April 29, 2020.

The following rule-making action is adopted:

Amend rule **875—10.20(88)** by inserting the following at the end thereof:
84 Fed. Reg. 50755 (September 26, 2019)
84 Fed. Reg. 68795 (December 17, 2019)

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